

# CDO Writing Practice Handout

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## Instructions

1. Choose one prompt below to write a short paragraph of 3–5 sentences.
  2. Write the paragraph in the space provided.
  3. Use your CDO strategy to revise:
    - Compare: Read each sentence. Ask: “Is this what I meant to say?”
    - Diagnose: Use evaluation cards/checklist to identify issues.
    - Operate: Choose one of eight revision strategies (e.g., add detail, combine sentences, reword for clarity) and revise.
  4. Rewrite your revised sentence on the handout.
  5. Reflect briefly: Describe what changed and why.
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## Prompts (*Choose one*)

1. **A Moment I'll Never Forget**  
Describe a vivid memory—what happened, who was there, how you felt, and why it matters.
  2. **If I Were in Charge of the School for a Day**  
Explain the changes you would make, why, and how it would affect students and teachers.
  3. **The Day Everything Went Wrong**  
Relive a chaotic or challenging day—what went wrong and how you responded.
  4. **The Most Unexpected Surprise**  
Tell about a time you experienced a big surprise. What did you expect, and what actually happened?
  5. **An Important Lesson I Learned the Hard Way**  
Share a personal story about a mistake that taught you something valuable.
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## Your Writing

Prompt Chosen from Above:

Initial Paragraph (One sentence per line)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

## CDO Revision

#	Original Sentence	Diagnosed Issue (Use evaluation cards/checklist)	Revised Sentence	Reason for Change
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

## Reflection

- What was the most helpful revision tactic I used?
- How did CDO help me improve my writing?